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## CHRISTMAS FOR CHILDREN

Owosso Lodge of Elks will against Santa Claus for a large number of Shioawassee county children this year and Elks are now making voluntary contributions for this annual event. The children will be given articles of clothing, candies, and other goodies and entertained at the Strand Theatre and at the Elks' temple.

## YOUNG MOTHER KILLED BY TRAIN

Mrs. Sophia Jenek, aged 24 years, was instantly killed Saturday morning when the buggy in which she was riding was struck by a Michigan Central engine at the township line crossing just north of Owosso. She had three small children and was riding in an open buggy with clear space both sides of the road. She did not see or hear the train until it was too late to get across. The train was stopped and the remains brought to Owosso and taken to the Jennings undertaking parlors where Justice Friegele decided an inquest was unnecessary.

Mr. and Mrs. Jenek and family lived north of Owosso, coming here seven years ago. Both were born in Europe. He is employed at the sugar factory and was asleep at the time of the accident.

Rev. Downing Idle conducted funeral services Monday.

## VERDICT OF \$6,630

Superior Coal Co. Wins Suit Against Ann Arbor Railroad

After a long and hard fought trial in the circuit court, the jury in the case of the Superior Coal Co. vs. the Ann Arbor Railroad brought in a verdict, Friday evening, giving the Coal Co. damages of \$6,630 against the railroad for its failure to deliver cars of the New Haven coal mines. The judge under the law must on motion of the plaintiffs double the amount of the verdict and such motion has been made by Faries & Day, the attorneys for the Coal Co. The plaintiffs asked for \$13,260.

The case will be appealed by the railroad to the supreme court.

## CARLAND ELEVATOR CASE DECIDED

Judge Collins on Saturday filed his opinion in the case of Scott et al. against Curtis et al. involving the business of the Carland Co-Operative Elevator Co. Judge Collins decided that the officers of the company were not legally elected, and a new election must be called in ten days. An injunction restraining the present officers from any action issued some time ago is allowed to stand against them, but will be inoperative against new officers. The request for dissolution was denied, and no costs are to be recovered by either side. No dissipation of the company's money or fraudulent acts were found. The trouble arose over the failure of the officers to buy the Croel elevator, but starting instead to build a new one, having but \$5,000 on hand to erect a \$15,000 structure, the plaintiff's also claiming a second elevator in Carland would not pay. All those interested are prominent farmers of Fairfield township.

## COMMUNITY CLUB

The Community Club was entertained Thanksgiving Day by Mr. and Mrs. Louis Swartzmiller, North Ball street, at its fifth annual dinner. Five families were represented, the guests from out of town being Mr. and Mrs. Gaver, of Liberty Center, Ohio, and Mr. and Mrs. Charles Hart, of Bennington. Tender thoughts were wafted to the absent ones who were George Harrison, in aeroplane service at San Francisco, Calif.; Harold Hart, of gas and oil unit, somewhere in France, and Dale Swartzmiller, of U. S. N., Hampton Roads, Va.

## FITZPATRICK-KEYS

Miss Leita Fitzpatrick, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. K. Fitzpatrick, of New Lothrop, and Howard Keyes, son of Mr. and Mrs. William Keyes, of Oakley, were united in marriage Thanksgiving morning at 8 o'clock at St. Paul's Catholic church. Rev. Fr. P. J. Slane performed the ceremony. The young couple were attended by Miss Lillian Kerwin and William McPhillips. Mr. and Mrs. Keyes have a host of friends who extend hearty congratulations.

## LODGE OF SORROW

The annual lodge of sorrow by Owosso Lodge of Elks has held Sunday afternoon with a large number in attendance. One of the finest addresses the lodge has listened to on this kind of an occasion was delivered by Hon. Wm. M. Smith of St. Johns, who reviewed the accomplishments of the United States in world matters and set forth the duty devolving upon this country in the next few years. H. K. White gave the special eulogy for the brothers who have died the past year, eleven in number, as follows:

Fred L. Eldridge, Jno. C. Quayle, Geo. N. Monroe, Merrill Kerby, Patrick Cavanaugh, N. A. Goodyear, Albert M. Dawson, Chas. H. Prece, Morris Osburn, A. H. Dumond and Christian Gansley.

Furner's orchestra, Orrin Jennings and Henry Pulver furnished excellent vocal and instrumental music for this occasion.

## NEW BOOKS FOR THE OWOSSO LIBRARY

New books added to the Public Library are as follows:  
History of Europe from 1862 to 1914—Holt and Chilton.  
The Colonial Period—Andrews.  
The American Spirit—Lane.  
America First—McBrien.  
Benjamin Franklin—Dudley.  
Napoleon—Fisher.  
Religious Development Between Old and New Testament—Charles.  
Making of the Earth—Gregory.  
Love Songs—Teasdale.  
Changing Winds—Ervine.  
The Fear of Living—Bordeaux.  
Temperamental Henry—Merwin.  
Our Next Door Neighbors—Maniates.  
Droisy—Mitchell.  
Boy from Missouri Valley—Hubbard.  
Book of Knowledge, 20 vols.—Mie and others.  
Nibbles and Bait—Davidson.  
Holidays in Mother Goose Land—Higgins.  
Georgiana's Service Stars—Johnston.

## Baptist State Convention.

The Baptist State convention was held in Owosso this week with an attendance of 65 pastors, 86 delegates and 21 visitors, and a most helpful program was carried out in its entirety. A complete report is in our hands for publication and interesting features will be published next week.

Dr. H. L. Stetson, Kalamazoo college, was this morning elected president of the Michigan Baptist association at the annual election. He succeeds Grant M. Hudson, of Lansing. There were no contests, the convention adopting the report of the nominating committee.

The officers are:

President—Dr. H. L. Stetson, Kalamazoo.

First vice president—G. M. Hudson, Lansing.

Second vice president—Frederick Allen, Bay City.

Third vice president—Rev. H. A. Wait, Owosso.

Fourth vice president—Dr. W. F. Northrup, Detroit.

Secretary—Rev. W. T. Roberts, Lansing.

Treasurer—W. W. Smith, Detroit.

Auditor—T. T. Leete, Jr., Detroit.

The following board of managers were elected for three years: E. E. Sayles, Flint; H. Morgan, Fenton; H. P. Klyver, Benton Harbor; L. I. Hansen, Kalamazoo; W. H. Sweet, Ypsilanti; T. J. Hopkins, Adrian; Rev. L. Brown, Detroit; W. H. Gay, Grand Rapids; R. E. Jennings, Paw Paw; F. W. Hatch, Kalamazoo.

The report of the secretary was presented by Rev. W. T. Roberts, covering the pastoral changes, membership gains and finances both of churches and Sunday school.

Baptism reported, 2511; total membership, 57,679, a net gain of 3,296; bible school teachers and officers, 5,344; scholars, 45,246.

Baptism reported, 2,511; total 943.00; missions and benevolences, \$138,897.00; grand total, \$819,840.00, an increase of \$104,888.00.

Property held represents, \$4,555,648.00.

## FOOD ADMINISTRATOR PRESCOTT SAYS TODAY

Some people seem to forget that our Allies will need as much food as they would had the war continued. They have no reserve stock, and some reconstruction work will be necessary before their own crops will be sufficient. Germany has destroyed much of the farm machinery of France and Belgium, and a shortage of labor will also interfere with proper cultivation. Moreover, new crops cannot be planted until spring nor harvested until late next summer.

The number of dead and dying in Armenia may only be guessed at, but enough is known to appeal to humanity. One hundred and eighty million human beings in other hungry lands are looking to America for food, which no other people can give them. In their misery and famine, Belgium, Northern France, Central Russia, Serbia, Montenegro, Poland, Roumania, and other liberated nations of Europe are crying to us. From us food must come. We must save that we may give. It is America's mission—our opportunity to serve humanity and civilization.

## Death of Lieut. A. M. Bentley.

The sad news of the death on Nov. 16 from pneumonia, following scarlet fever, of Lieut. A. Morrell Bentley, was received in Owosso, Wednesday, in an official telegram to his mother. His death followed a short illness as a letter written Nov. 7 by him stated that he was attending an officers' school and made no mention of illness. He attended the first officers' training camp at Fort Sheridan and was commissioned a lieutenant and was assigned to headquarters company of the 140th regiment, 85th division, at Camp Custer. He went overseas last summer and was soon commissioned first lieutenant, having made a fine record.

Lieut. Bentley was born and always lived in Owosso, graduating from the high school in 1910 and from the U. of M. four years later and was an official of the Owosso Manufacturing Co. at the time of his enlistment.

Just prior to entrance into service he was married to Miss Helen Patterson of Portland, Maine, and made a hurried trip to California to his parents, his father being ill at the time.

Surviving Mr. Bentley are his widow and three months' old son, his mother, Mrs. Clara Bentley, and his brother, Calvin P. Bentley.

The death of Lieutenant Bentley was a great shock to a wide circle of friends and admirers, and is a distinct loss to the city. He was a generous, fine hearted, energetic young man with prospects for a most useful life before him. The hearty sympathy of everyone goes out to the bereaved family.

## Elks Start Winter's Work.

Owosso Lodge B. P. O. E. started its winter work Tuesday by initiating eight candidates, enjoying a non-Hooverized banquet and three vande-ville acts by local talent. District Deputy Grand Exalted Ruler Harmon J. Hunt of Detroit, visited the lodge and highly complimented the officers.

The vande-ville was in charge of Mr. B. Vandenburgh and consisted of a song by Thomas E. Dewey and a chorus of girls, "That Red Cross Girl of Mine;" "The Elmore Sisters," song and dance by Don Mitchell and Theron Beattie in attractive cabaret costumes and black face songs, imitations and jokes by Mr. Vredenburgh, Howard Merchant and a chorus and boys and girls.

Will L. Norris, former Owosso resident, died at his home in Sedalia, Mo., Saturday after a long illness. He was a genial and popular employee of the Ann Arbor railroad while here and many friends mourn his death. Mrs. A. M. Hume, a sister, left Saturday to attend the funeral.

The annual Thanksgiving service for Owosso city was held at the First Baptist church, the attendance being limited by bad weather, but those attending were well repaid by the excellent program and helpful sermon by Rev. F. D. Draper. The pastors of the city took part in the service and a good sized contribution was taken for the Y. W. C. A. Patriotic songs and hymns were a leading feature of the service.

## Washington Letter.

### REPUBLICAN RECONSTRUCTION

Washington, Nov. 3.—The Republican Publicity Association, through its President, Hon. Jonathan Bourne, Jr., today gave out the following statement from its Washington Headquarters:

"Hardly less important than our preparations for war will be the work of putting the country in readiness to resume once more the activities of peace. In the recent elections the people decreed that the task shall be carried on under the direction of the Republican party. While it is possible from the point of numbers for the Democrats in the Senate and House to enact the pending bill providing for the appointment of a Reconstruction Committee by the President, it is not probable that Democratic votes can be solidified behind such a measure. There are a few Democrats in each House who do not yield subservience to the President and who have confidence in their own ability and the ability of the legislative associates to study and determine upon plans for after-war reconstruction. The Weeks Resolution providing for a Joint Congressional Committee composed of an equal number of members of each of the two political parties will more likely be adopted.

"But even if the partisans of the President should prevail and a Democratic Committee on Reconstruction should be appointed, there would be little danger of the enactment of any unwise legislation such a committee might recommend. The Republicans will assume control of Congress on March 4th and it is not likely that much reconstruction will be enacted before that time.

"In view of the vast importance of the reconstruction problems that confront the nation, it is particularly fortunate that a majority of each House of the next Congress will be Republican. Under the shrewd management of a Reconstruction Committee made up of plant political henchmen of the Administration, masquerading as industrial and economical experts, supported by a subservient Democratic Congress, Mr. Wilson would have been able to put upon the statute books legislation that, in practical effect, would have provided by law for long-continued administration of the government by Democrats. That has been the inevitable effect of much of the legislation enacted during the last two years. With the record before them of the unscrupulous political efforts of the President and his party leaders to maintain their control of Congress, the Republicans have awaited with trepidation renewed excesses in autocratic legislation, in preparation for the Democratic attempt in 1920 to continue in the White House Mr. Wilson or a man of his selection.

But the danger is now behind us. Not only will the Republicans be in a position, after March 4th, to stop further attempts at Executive usurpation of legislative prerogatives, but they will be able to put before the President for his approval bills calculated to undo much of the carefully prepared political structure that the Democrats have built. Let Mr. Wilson veto such measures if he chooses to do so. Every sound reconstruction bill he refuses to sign will prove another nail in his political coffin.

"The people discovered that Mr. Wilson is not infallible. This in spite of the fact that every effort has been made to impress upon the public that criticism of the Executive was little short of treason. They have been told that acts of the President must be accepted without the slightest question, else encouragement will be given the enemy. Doubtless amazed at his own audacity the voter decided to express his convictions without regard to directions from Washington. He has found that many millions of the American people think alike in their estimate of the President. The result of the elections will give courage not only to the individual to talk as he thinks, but will stimulate the press to give expression to the thoughts that have surged in the minds of editors for many months. Freedom of speech and unbridled discussion of public questions in the months to come will mark the rapid dissolution of the hold the Democrats now have upon the country and will spell an even more complete defeat for their party in 1920."

### AN HONORARIUM FROM UNCLE SAM

A thoughtful little bill has been introduced in Congress by Representative Norman J. Gould, of New York. It provides that all officers and men in the military services during the war with Germany and Austria shall, when honorably discharged or mustered out, receive two months' extra full duty pay if they have served outside the continental limits of the United States and one month's extra full duty pay if they have served within the continental limits of the United States. This will give the boys a little chance to look around and locate themselves when they get home. What with subtractions from

base pay for allotments, insurance, and many incidentals, the soldier has little or nothing in his pocket at the end of the month. Indeed, Ring Lardner's hero, Jack, found, after making the necessary monthly deductions from his pay, he owed the "govment" \$1.60. Gould's bill establishes no precedent, as a provision of a similar nature was made by Act of March 3, 1899, to veterans of the Spanish war, a fact which might have been overlooked but for the New Yorker's discerning eye. Surely the country will not begrudge the payment of this honorarium to its defenders, even though it may involve, perhaps \$250,000,000.

### BUILT ON THE SANDS

Interesting revelations are enlivening the hearings on the Naval Appropriation Bill before the House committee. It appears that a powder mill was built at Newport, Rhode Island, at a cost of \$1,600,000. The "experts" of the Government, however, were a little unfortunate in their selection of a site as it now transpires that the structure will fall into the sea unless a seawall is constructed at a cost of another million dollars.

Another instance is the acquisition by the Government of the Jamestown Exposition Grounds as a naval training station. In making the appropriations for that purpose Congress definitely limited the purchase price to \$1,200,000, but it now develops that the Department succeeded in getting through an additional allowance for the purpose of \$400,000.

These are but examples of the facts that will be revealed when the accounting of our war expenditures, to be demanded by the Republicans, is placed before Congress.

### SPURS IN THE GIRTH

It is pertinently remarked by the Columbus, (Ind.) Republican that one of the big jobs after the war will be the demobilization of our army of swivel chair machinery of control of business. It is a pretty safe bet that the swivel chair brigade will be the last to be demobilized and that no deserving Democrat need have any fear for the next two years.

### WHILE GRABBING IS GOOD

The President took over the ocean cables after the fighting was over. There is nothing to prevent him from going ahead with the taking-over policy until a treaty of peace is signed and ratified, so the people of the country may well wonder what he will take over next.

### MR. HOOVER'S MESSAGE TO SCHOOL CHILDREN

Will Be Read in Every School in America, Friday, Dec. 6  
To the Girls and Boys of America:  
Now that the terrible war is over you must be glad that you helped to win it by saving food for our soldiers and our unhappy friends across the sea. But our work of feeding hungry people is now to be greater than it has ever been. Many millions of people have been made free by our victory, but they are in the greatest danger of death from starvation. They look to America for food until the next harvest.

We must go on saving and sharing with them as faithfully as ever. And of course you will want to do your part as you have been doing. We have a greater task than any of us can imagine in saving the world from famine, but we can do it if each of our does all he can. I am counting upon you.

Faithfully yours,  
(Signed) Herbert Hoover.

### OWOSSO ODD FELLOWS ELECTION OF OFFICERS

The following officers were elected Tuesday evening by Owosso lodge No. 88, I. O. O. F., for the ensuing term: Noble Grand—Henry Carroll.

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Vice Grand—Lynn Ripple.  
Recording secretary—Guy N. Elean.  
Financial secretary—Lewis O'Reary.  
Treasurer—David Richards.  
Trustee—Fred Ward.  
Captain of Degree team—Ray Goddard.

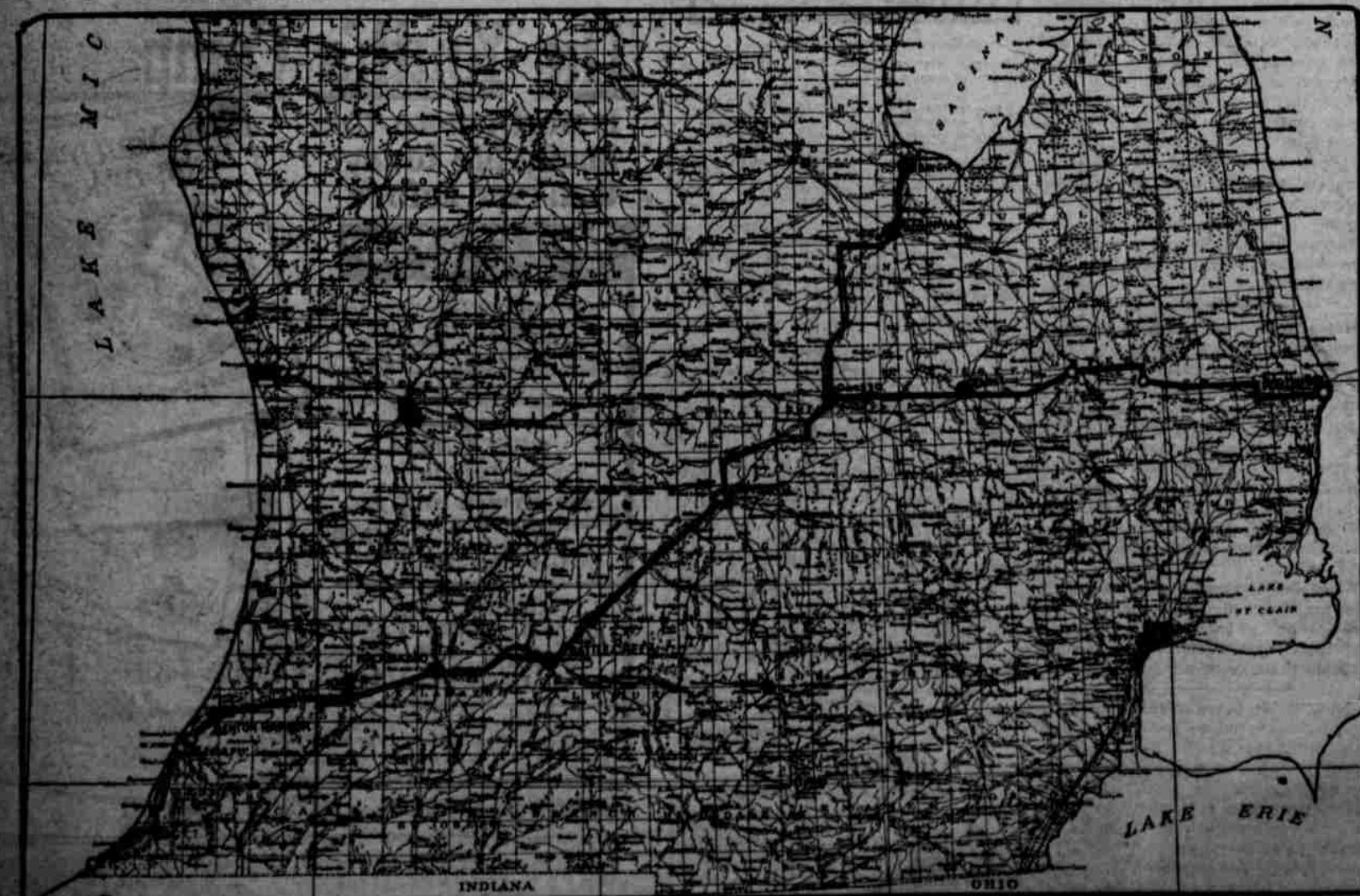
Member club room committee—John May.

The new officers will be installed early in January.

### CAMBURN DRUG STORE SOLD

Mrs. Allie Camburn sold Saturday the Camburn drug stock to L. D. Owens of Armada, who has rented the building for ten years and will continue the business. Mr. Owens is a first class pharmacist and a successful drug store proprietor. He will be assisted by Robert Wood, who has been the popular assistant for several years and will have charge until Mr. Owens is able to turn over his present business to the purchaser.

Leon F. Minar returned this week from the officers' training school at Camp Zachary Taylor at Louisville, Ky., and will be commissioned a second lieutenant and placed on the reserve officers' list.



Map Showing Proposed Memorial "Across the State Highway."